Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 20th, 2007

Faith Sharing
Readings and Questions

Acts 2: 1-11 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13 John 20: 19-23

Theme: God's breath - the Holy Spirit - gives us true life and peace.

Question for Adults:. To have true life and God's peace we need to forgive and receive forgiveness from another. In order for you to have peace, what one area in your life do you need forgiveness from yourself or another?

Question for Youth: St. Paul tells us that we all have unique gifts for the good of others. What is special about you? How can you use those gifts to help others – friends, family, and strangers?

Question for Children: Jesus tells us that we need to forgive to have peace. Name one way that you can forgive a friend or classmate.

Monday, May 21st 2007

Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33

8:00 a.m. Daily Liturgy
Intention: Gary Buckmaster
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 22nd 2007

Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a

No Daily Liturgy
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts
7:00- 9:00 p.m. – Study of the Catechism for Adults

Wednesday, May 23rd 2007

Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Office Hours
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Food Pantry
6:00 p.m. Daily Liturgy
Intention: Repose of Joseph & Marian Chaput
6:30 p.m. – NCYC Meeting

Thursday, May 24th 2007

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26

8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy
Intention: Repose of Dan Maus
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

Friday, May 25th 2007

Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19

8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy
Intention: For continued moisture
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

Saturday, May 26th 2007

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Jn 21:20-25

8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy with Adoration
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Food Pantry
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Catechism for Adults

Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Jn 20:19-23

5:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: OLBH Community

Ministry Schedule
Bread Baker: *Irene Daschel*
Altar Servers: *Marissa*, Trevor Pitsor Courtney Cassen*
Blood: *Greg & Nancy Sass, Carol Conway Charlie Desmond*
Body: *Eileen Desmond*
Lector: *Sarah Cresalia & Greg Sass*
Sacristan: *Charlie & Patty Cresalia*
Usher: *Jami Kortan & Bette Stebbins*
Choir: *Lori Miller*

Sunday, May 27th 2007

Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Jn 20:19-23

8:00 a.m. -- Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention-Repose of Darvin Weiger

Ministry Schedule
Altar Servers: *Celena Sass, Katie Strand* David Strand*
Blood: *Larry Williamson, Stephanie Strand, Mary & Dean Antonsen*
Body: *Kathy Amiotte*
Lector: *Larry & Joyce Williamson*
Sacristan: *Frank & Donna Boner*
Usher: *Anita Tidemann & Tom Van Asma*
Choir: *Regina's Minstrels*

9:15 a.m. – Coffee and Rolls

10:30 a.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Repose of Marian Chaput

Ministry Schedule
Altar Servers: *Ryan & Seth Reers, Mary Pulaski**
Blood: *Cary Nickles, Sharon Long, Denise McCormick, Jim Hoag*
Body: *Brenda Czmowski*
Lector: *Jim Pulaski & Carrie Baker*
Sacristan: *Cary & Doug Nickles*
Usher: *The Weaver Family*
Choir: *Lori Miller*

Memorial Day Mass will be Monday May 28th at 8:00 a.m. at the Piedmont Cemetery

Sparks From Fr. Mark

In the last couple of weeks, I have been writing about the direction we are looking at taking with Faith Formation. Once again, I encourage you to visit with Charlotte, Sr. Joan, Teresa or myself about the direction that the diocese, and really the Church is asking us to move. We would like to know of your questions and/or concerns. In the next several weeks, in the Sparks column there will be some articles on Intergenerational/Whole Community Catechesis. Again I hope you have the time to read, pray and reflect on faith formation and the way we hand it on, not only in our parish but in the diocese.

A Primer on Whole Community Catechesis

What is Whole Community Catechesis? There are currently many different interpretations and titles for the concept of whole community catechesis. Generally, one can say that the term refers to a movement toward catechesis that involves the entire parish community in lifelong faith formation and that necessitates the coordination and collaboration of catechetical and liturgical ministries.

Origins of Whole Community Catechesis The following factors have led to the development of whole community catechesis.

Influence of several important documents that have been issued during the past three decades. These include:

-***Evangelii Nuntiandi*** (1975), an encyclical by Pope Paul VI that outlines the principles and model of evangelization. Catechesis is described as a "moment in the process of evangelization."

-***Catechesi Tradendae*** (1979), an encyclical by Pope John Paul II that looks specifically at the nature and methods of catechesis. In this document, Pope John Paul II acknowledges that many baptized children and adults lack the requisite "pre-catechesis" necessary for catechesis to be effective.

-***Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*** (1988). Several generations of parish leaders have been formed by their experience with the Rite of Christian Initiation. See below.

Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry (NCCB 1997), in which the bishops, for the first time, specifically refer to comprehensive youth ministry as being "intergenerational" and involving "community-wide collaboration."

-***General Directory for Catechesis*** (1997), out of which two key principles are drawn: First, that adult catechesis is the "axis" around which catechesis for all others revolve. Second, that "catechesis is a responsibility of the entire Christian community." This document is so foundational to the concept of whole community catechesis that it is singled out as a separate influence. See below.

-***Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us***: A Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States (NCCB/USCC 1999), in which the bishops admit that "…despite the consistency and clarity of this message [the priority given to adult catechesis by the GDC], the Catholic community has not yet fully heard and embraced it. While most Catholic parishes place a high priority on the faith formation of children and youth, far fewer treat adult faith formation as a priority. This choice is made in parish staffing decisions, job descriptions, budgets, and parishioner expectations." The document goes on to say that parishes must take a new, multifaceted approach to adult formation that integrates catechesis in all areas of parish life such as liturgy, family and home-centered activity, small and large groups and individual activities.

Source Parish Arch Diocese of Washington

Prayer Corner

Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Please contact the office for continued prayers.

Improved Health: Darrell Sanderson, Doug Wittenhagen & Marla Shaffer,
Repose: Gary Buckmaster, Maria Heloise Burns, Eva Maher, Oscar Lopez

Stewardship

April 26th & 27th

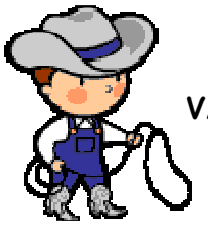
Loose	$1,831.62
Envelopes	$1,537.00
Votive	$6.00
Student	$59.72
Guatemala Coffee Sale	$595.00
Mass Intentions	$60.00
Building Fund	$1,365.00
Total	$5,454.34

Renovation Pledges

May 1st 2005 to April 30th 2007

Total Pledged - $141,112.01

Total Received - $118,414.22



AVALANCHE RANCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Avalanche Ranch VBS will be held June 11-15 from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Costs: $15 per child; $35 per family

Ages 4-5 (not yet experienced Kindergarten) will go in our Prairie Dog Preschool Room.

A VBS Howdy! Registration forms for this year's Vacation Bible School are available in the gathering area. If you have students preschool age through fifth grade that are interested in attending, please stop and fill in a registration form. If you are interested in signing up to help out in one way or another, the sign-up is available at the same table!

Students completing grades Kindergarten through Fifth will be in multi-age mixed crew group

Study of the Catechism for Adults

Tuesday May 22nd we will be studying chapter 8 and Saturday morning 9:30-11:30 a.m. we will study chapter 9. For more information, please call Kathy VanAsma at 787-6218.

Peace and Justice Committee will meet Sunday, June 3rd at 9:15 a.m. in the church library. This meeting will be about the mission trip to Standing Rock Reservation, which is scheduled for **July 8-12**. If you have any questions please call Eileen Desmond at 430-0209.

Thank you to all who helped with Clean Up Day!

Home Masses Are Back!

We will be offering Mass in parishioners' homes (or back yards!) a couple Wednesday evenings per month during June, July, and August. Mass will begin at 6 p.m. and will be followed by a social hour—featuring potluck ***desserts***. If you would like to host a Home Mass, please sign up in the gathering area.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Glimpses of Eden

The youth attending the ***National Catholic Youth Conference*** *will be hosting a parade of gardens for a few gardens belonging to our parishioners, on Sunday, June 24th.*

THANK YOU!
to all those who helped with the First Communion Reception! The room was beautiful and the cake and drinks were yummy! Many compliments were given to you for all your efforts. Thank you again for your time and service to this event in the parish! Charlotte Verhey

The West River Catholic would like photos and information regarding high school students who have received scholarships, and also regarding any couples celebrating golden wedding anniversaries. You may send photos and information to Becky Berreth, at bberreth@diorc.org. Please send the full photo file, and do not make files smaller. Or you may hand mail them to Box 678, Rapid City, SD, 57709. All hand mailed photos will be returned after the paper is published. If you have any questions or need to vary the deadline, contact Laurie or Becky at 605-343-3541.

NIOBRARA RIVER YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Join us for a weekend retreat with Fr. Brian Christensen – we'll camp & canoe the beautiful Niobrara River in Northern Nebraska, while we talk about the spiritual life and discernment, celebrate daily Mass and spend time in prayer and fellowship. For young adults (18 or older). Tues-Thurs, June 12-14. Cost: $70. Limited space. Deadline for registration is May 25. Contact Susan at 343-3541 for more information. Flyers and registration forms available at www.Gods-call.org, on the EVENTS page.

Faithful Citizenship

Sunday May 20 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER+.+.+. Faithful Citizenship acknowledges suffering is part of life which can unite us in a special way with Christ. +.+.+.

One can say that with the Passion of Christ all human suffering has found itself in a new situation. And it is as though Job has foreseen this when he said: "I know that my Redeemer lives...", and as though he had directed towards it his own suffering, which without the redemption could not have revealed to him the fullness of its meaning. In the Cross of Christ not only is the Redemption accomplished through suffering, but *also human suffering itself has been redeemed.*

Salvifici Doloris (On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering). Pope John Paul II., 19. www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/apost_letters/ (From the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission Faithful Citizenship Committee)

For the Ride Home
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Scripture

- And Stephen said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." (Acts 7:56)
- The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice; (Psalm 97:1)
- Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water. (Revelations 22:17)
- I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. (John 17:24)

Reflection

- What is the vision of Stephen as he is martyred?
- What is Jesus' vision for all who believe?
- What is your vision?

A Love of Simplicity

We have lost the awareness of what is essential. We are constantly distracted by a consumerist culture that vies for our attention, pulling us in every direction with offers of a better lifestyle, the importance of doing more, and the hope finding happiness through material things. Consumerism could be called a pseudo-religious system – it virtues are competitiveness and acquisitiveness. The result is that our desires take precedence over such values as tenderness, compassion and community. We forget who we really are and believe that living means having.

Consumption uncovers the emptiness within, an emptiness filled only with the infinite love of God.

Following Francis, we choose a simple lifestyle, not because we want to free up some time or even find peace and quiet, but because we desire to put God first.

The simpler our lives become, the more room there will be in our heart to embrace the deepest peace and harmony with all.[1]

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[1]Simsic, Wayne, *Living the Wisdom of St. Francis*, Paulist Press, 2001 p. 26,27.

Ways to Meet New People at Church

Thanks to the Spirit of God drawing people to the church week in and week out, you have opportunities to meet all kinds of new people.

• At all church events, stand near the food. You'll easily meet all sorts of hungry new people.

• Attend an adult Christian education class, where you'll grown in friendship and well as your faith.

• Join the choir—for instant friends and fellowship.

• Get involved in a small group You'll get to know God a little better too.

• Wander around a lot. Try not to look lost, though.

• Serve your church as a greeter. Give 'em a firm handshake.

• During Mass sit in a different spot each week. Invade some new space!

• Go to church dinners and sit with people you don't know.